

**MARTHA A. MEDRANO, MD, MPH**  
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Dr Martha A. Medrano was born and raised in El Paso, Texas, one of eight children. She obtained her undergraduate degree in 1977 from the University of Texas at El Paso where she graduated with high honors. Dr Medrano attended the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) Medical School, graduating in 1981. She entered Pediatric Internship at UTHSCSA in 1981 and completed a General Psychiatry Residency and Child Psychiatry Fellowship at UTHSCSA in 1985. Since 1986, Dr Medrano has served on the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry, Division of Child Psychiatry and Alcohol and Drug Addiction. She also holds faculty appointments in the Department of Pediatrics and Family Community Medicine.

Dr Medrano describes herself as a community psychiatrist spending most of her career involved in community programs and activities. She has provided consultation to a number of community programs to include the Mexican American Unity Council, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, the Patrician Movement, Bexar County Juvenile Probation, Headstart and Youth Alternatives. Because of her interest in health promotion and prevention, she returned to school and obtained a Masters in Public Health in 1996 from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, while continuing full-time faculty status.

Dr. Medrano is currently the Director of the UTHSCSA Hispanic Center of Excellence. She is also the South Central Regional Director for Redes En Accion, a multi-site grant funded by the National Cancer Institute, targeting cancer awareness, training and research within Hispanic communities. She also serves on the Minority Women Panel of Experts for the National Office on Women's Health, the National Advisory Board for the National Hispanic Medical Association and the UTHSCSA representative for the National Association of Hispanic Serving Health Profession Schools. She was the Principal Investigator for the US-Mexico Border Centers of Excellence Consortium which published the conference proceedings of a forum exploring training and education needs for health professionals.

Dr. Medrano served as the Director of Women's Outreach Programs for the Community Outreach for the Prevention of AIDS Project as part of the National Institutes of Drug Abuse Cooperative Agreements. Her research area of interest is the effect of childhood trauma on women drug addicts. She served as Principal Investigator for a number of funded research projects, has published in this area and served as guest editor for a special issue of women, drugs and trauma for the Alcohol Treatment Quarterly.

Dr. Medrano has an interest in teaching medical students, and other health professions students about differences in cultural health beliefs. She has assisted in the developed of cultural competence teaching materials, case-vignettes and case simulation for the first and second year medical student curriculum. Dr. Medrano has partnered with the Department of Family Medicine to create Medical Spanish course for second year medical students and a Spanish-Speaking Only Patient rotation for senior students. The

Hispanic Center of Excellence also develops three senior didactic selectives: Advanced Medical Spanish, Complementary Medicine in South Texas and U.S. Mexico Border Health.

Dr. Medrano has held a number of leadership positions on campus. She is currently the Vice-chair of the Medical Faculty Assembly (MFA) and has served on the Executive Committee since 2000. She was the Chairman of the MFA Bylaws Review Committee and Chair for the Liaison Committee on Medical Education Self Study Committee reviewing Administration and Governance. She also chaired the Presidential UTHSCSA Task Force on Health Disparities in 2002. Dr. Medrano has been the Assistant Dean for Continuing Medical Education since September 1, 2002.

Dr Medrano has been married to John Vito Alvillar for 25 years and serves as Vice-President for Vito Enterprises, Inc., her husband's customized wine cellar and wine vault company.